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Seniors receive military honors

ROTC cadets selected to be Distinguished Military Graduates

By Chris Willig
REPORTER

Following September 11, when the United States officially began the war on terror, freshmen ROTC members knew exactly what their future had in store. The idea that our country was at war, however, didn't deter the new recruits from second-guessing their decision — rather it strengthened it.

"It was motivation for us to work harder, and it was a real world kind of 'hey this is some-

thing you're going to be faced with. So you need to start preparing yourself now, and put forth a little more effort, because this is where you're going to be in a couple years," said Seth Grimm, an ROTC senior and operations officer. "I remember sitting in my freshmen dorm watching the bombs fall on Baghdad and thinking to myself, 'I need to do all I can to prepare so when I'm out there I can bring all my guys back home.'"

This motivation to work harder has paid special dividends to five graduating seniors. Cadets Kevin Hancock, Jon King, Joe Dyer, Brandon Davis and Grimm have all been select-

ed as Distinguished Military Graduates.

Chosen by the U.S. Army Cadet Command, the title of Distinguished Military Graduate is only granted to the top 20 percent of all 3,838 seniors in ROTC programs across the nation. Distinguished Military Graduates are assessed on a National Order of Merit Scale which ranks cadets according to GPA, leadership and physical abilities. Along with the award, Distinguished Military Graduates are also granted their first proponent of choice and their first branch of choice following graduation.

"Bottom line for a cadet, if you

want to ensure your destiny it starts from day one in the program, and what does it take to become a DMG," said Lieutenant Colonel Brett Bonnell, chairman of military science and leadership. "By making a DMG you have set the stage for a military career."

Company Commander King, who placed 342 out of the 3,838 cadets, had looked up to past Distinguished Military Graduates and set his goals high as a freshman.

"It was definitely a goal I set for myself when I came in. I realized this is what I wanted, this



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WITH HONOR: (L to R) ROTC members Hart, Dyer, Davis, Bonell, Grimm, and Hancock received honors for their leadership skills.

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College of Musical Arts to offer new degree in contemporary music

Unique to BG

By Jessica Zamarripa
REPORTER

Ten years ago, a committee was formed to investigate a new degree for the College of Musical Arts.

Five years ago, the committee focused in on one option, and two years ago, the program began to be developed.

Getting the doctorate in contemporary music program implemented at the University was a long process, according to Richard Kennell, dean of the College of Musical Arts.

Once work was completed on planning the curriculum, the faculty in the College of Musical Arts reviewed and voted on it. It was then sent to a graduate council, the faculty senate, the president's cabinet and finally the board of trustees.

Once it was approved at the University, it was sent to the Board of Regents, who then shared it with other universities in Ohio. The other universities were able to review the curriculum and ask questions.

The Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Studies was then able to review it and recommend that the Board of Regents pass it.

This was the third attempt by the College of Musical Arts to get a curriculum passed. The curriculum, as it is now, was approved last spring.

Next fall will be the first semester of classes for which the doctorate in contemporary music will be offered.

Four students will be accepted into the program for next fall, Kennell said. Each year after that, four more students

will be added so that at the end of four years, there will be 16 students.

The program will be unique in many ways.

"There's only a handful of programs that specialize in contemporary music around the country," Kennell said.

Requirements for the program, which are a part of what set it apart from the others, will include classes, recitals and writing compositions, as well as an internship that must be outside academia, according to Shrupe.

For the purposes of this degree, contemporary music is defined as art music, not pop or commercial music, noted Shrupe. "It would be appropriate for a concert hall."

However, contemporary music is

usually defined as any music written after 1945, according to Shrupe.

Because of this distinction, among other things, the program is unique to the University alone.

Those who complete the program will be equipped to teach at the college level, work in orchestra offices and work in community leadership positions, as well as do touring and other nontraditional coverings.

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Vigil, march recognize victims of violence

Transgendered Day of Remembrance held at the University

By Dave Herrera
REPORTER

In what was described as a "somber" evening, the Transgendered Awareness Days held its fourth event of the week last night to mourn the victims of violence against transgendered people.

It was the third year in a row that the event, the Transgender Day of Remembrance, was held at the University. It featured two short films, a number of speakers, and a candlelight vigil and march across campus.

The event was co-sponsored by VISION, the Women's Studies Program, Women's Center, American Culture Studies Department, Ethnic Studies Program and the Social Justice Task Force.

Grad student Joelle Ruby Ryan, the chair of the Transgender Awareness Days committee, said that the event was one of hundreds being held around the world yesterday.

"It truly is an international event," she said in an interview.

The night began with two short films, "Remembering Rita" and "Isn't It Obvious?" that dealt with the killings of transgendered women in Boston and California.

After the speakers, those in attendance gathered in a circle to read the names and stories behind transgendered people that were killed in the last year, saying "we will remember" in unison as each was finished.

After a brief vigil, the group walked to Saddle Creek Student Services building, carrying the candles and signs and speaking again the name of each transgendered person killed.

Transgendered are those who are usually biologically male or female but choose to express the gender of the opposite sex. Ryan said approximately two transgendered people were killed each month around the world, but that there continued to be little discussion on the issues surrounding those killings in response.

She said that events like this, even with a history on campus, were not resonating with students.

"I'd say, to be honest, there's not a lot of response, at least for the two years that I've done it," Ryan

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A NEW SOUND



Jordan Flower BG News

NEWGRASS: Brian Hensien and Liz Schibucos play a mix of bluegrass and rock with the band The Student Loan at the pub.

Shuttle stops losing flaps

University has no plans to warm up waiting bus riders

By Amanda Hooper
ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR

Class is finally over and you have battled through the whirling snow to the bus shelter to go home for the evening and... the heater is too high to be felt, and the bench is hard and cold. After an agonizing 20 minutes, the bus headlights glow like beacons in the dark-

ness, and — thwap — you get hit in the face when the giant "protective" plastic flap catches in a gust of wind.

Students and the shuttle bus service both recognize the challenges that the brutal Northwest Ohio winter brings with it.

"I would rather just walk there in 15 minutes than wait 15 minutes in the cold for the shuttle," said junior Anna Glett.

Plastic coverings and heaters were placed in the shuttle

booths to keep students warm and protect them from the wind.

But with the first snowflakes flying, some are wondering if any improvements at the stops will be made.

A concerned student asked USG senator Billy Declerq whether the University is planning on replacing the plastic coverings.

"The student asked me why the stop in front of the health

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

SATURDAY



Mostly Sunny
High: 47°
Low: 33°

SUNDAY



Rain and Snow
High: 47°
Low: 30°

MONDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 48°
Low: 30°

TUESDAY



Snow Showers
High: 38°
Low: 29°

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Transgendered share personal stories

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said. "I'm not sure that the campus as a whole necessarily knows about this issue."

"I'd like to see more awareness in the campus and community at large about this issue," she said. "The reality is that this is happening everywhere."

Angelica Johnson, a freshman, said that although she went out of curiosity, she ended up being touched by the victims' stories.

"I thought it was very sad how ignorant people are and how judgmental they can be when only God can judge you," she

said.

She too noticed the lack of student response, especially among people she knew, and questioned how many on campus cared about the issue.

"I don't really think they care," she said.

Although most of those in attendance were united in their cause, the night featured a number of different viewpoints.

Julie Haught, a University English and women's studies professor, stressed the impor-

ance of community awareness through events like the Day of Remembrance.

"What's happening this week is very important, and it's vital to the life of this community," Haught said.

"We gather here peacefully," she said. "We are saying that these lives matter."

Marlene Bomer, the moderator of Transgender Toledo, talked about his own personal transgendered experiences and his support in continuing the cause.



JOELLE RYAN
SPEAKER

Free speech in question

What professors say in classroom debated on University, state levels

By Adam Shapiro
REPORTER

Speech is the foremost tool of teaching in the classroom. Without it, there would be little need for teachers, let alone universities.

But what happens if speech inside the classroom is no longer used as a tool to educate, but as a "weapon" used to persuade, intimidate or even harm?

In recent years this question has given rise to the heated debate about what college instructors should be allowed to say, talk about or teach in their classes. It is a debate about both academic freedom and free speech.

Freedom of speech has always had limitations, both inside the classroom and beyond. The University has policies to prevent discrimination, harassment, intimidation and threats of violence. Violations of these policies can result in institutional penalties as well as legal ramifications.

Professor Norman Eckel was suspended from his position in February after he allegedly made a remark about shooting students in his accounting class. Eckel's suspension is in effect until Jan. 1.

Statements that are clearly of unethical nature, however, aren't the only restrictions placed on teachers' speech.

"Even though it may be legal according to the Bill of Rights, an instructor ethically cannot just say anything as long as it isn't of a discriminatory, harassing or threatening nature," said Robert Boughton, Faculty Senate chair.

The University has set forth specific teaching responsibilities

in its Academic Charter. One of which is the responsibility "to avoid the persistent intrusion of material irrelevant to the established course definition or apart from the faculty member's area of scholarly competence."

Earlier this year, Ohio Senate Bill 24 — better-known as the "Academic Bill of Rights" — was introduced into state legislature as a result of students' complaints that instructors were indoctrinating instead of teaching. Among other things, the bill was meant to place further restrictions on topics that could be introduced in class, in order to prevent instructors from pushing their ideologies on students.

In response to SB 24, the Inter-University Council of Ohio — the educational association which represents Ohio's 15 public universities — passed a "Resolution on Academic Rights and Responsibilities" in October. Unlike SB 24, the resolution stated that "individual universities and their governing boards are in the best position to create and implement policies that respect the rights of members of the university community."

Many teachers, as well as students, argue that further speech limitations — imposed by either the universities themselves or by state law — will violate the notion of academic freedom and impair the learning environment in classrooms.

"If you start limiting what teachers can say in the classroom then you are limiting their ability to teach and to get students to think," said Candace Archer, a professor in the political science department.

Teaching is about pushing students beyond their normal realm of thinking, an endeavor that is hindered by limitations placed on free speech, Archer said.

Speech limitations are always going to be a complex issue, said Sheena Smith, a senior education major.

"As a future teacher, I try and put myself in my professors' positions, and I can see why limitations could be a bad thing," Smith said. "It might inhibit professors from talking about important controversial topics."

Nonetheless, Smith said it is important that instructors don't push their beliefs or political views on students in the process of discussing contentious topics.

"Teachers should not be limited with what they discuss in the classroom as long as they don't pressure students to think the way they do," Smith said.

Instructors are often criticized, however, for indoctrination even if they are simply stating their personal views.

"By sharing my beliefs, I'm trying to get students to think about their own beliefs," Archer said. "It's the act of pushing

"I've had to use the back door of a facility because the people in the front office were offended by me," she said.

"We are not going to go away, no matter what they try to do to beat us down," Bomer said.

Bomer was not the only speaker who was vigorous in promoting their activism.

"I believe that we are living in a poisonous climate," said Jeanie Ludlow, a professor of Women's Studies. "I'm angry that these siblings have been lost to us," she said.

"Action is the only appropriate response."

Riders doubt stops

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center didn't have one like the stop behind University hall, and if they are going to replace it," said Declerq.

Not coming back

Bus riders do not have to fear the unwieldy flaps any longer because they will not be replaced. "They are expensive, dangerous and they don't work," said shuttle supervisor Fred Smith. "I've been hit in the face with one of those things and it hurts."

Many of the coverings are already broken, and Smith said at \$150 a door they are not going to replace them. He said ultra-violet light breaks down the coverings, and the life expectancy for them are around two years.

The options for cold weather relief remain limited.

"There needs to be doors in the booths because it's cold," said freshman Katie Ruffing.

Freshman Jessica Comes agrees, suggesting sliding doors.

Smith said that it is possible to get the booths retrofitted with doors, but it presents a safety issue. He suggested a scenario where a woman waiting late at night by herself could be trapped

in the booth by an attacker holding the door shut.

"That is scary. I never thought of that," Comes said of the possibility for danger.

No plans for change

The other relief from the cold is the heater system in each booth. "To the best of my knowledge they all work," said Smith. "They are all on timers with a maximum of 15 to 20 minutes."

But some students are still shivering.

"I think the seats should be heated instead," said freshman Rachel Wycoff. "Everybody stands on the seats and hold their hands on the heaters. They don't really do much."

For now, bus riders should bundle up because there are no immediate plans for change. Declerq and the USG student welfare committee contacted Aileen Berry, another equipment supervisor for the bus service, about student concerns.

"She mentioned if we had any better ideas to let her know," said Declerq.

Smith said if students have questions or concerns they should contact the shuttle service at shuttleservice@bgsu.edu.

Cadets' work pays off

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is what I wanted to do, and the program really facilitated meeting my goal," King said. "They really helped to guide me along in the right direction of meeting my goals."

While all the Distinguished Military Graduates are honored to receive this distinction, they realize this is just the beginning.

"It's just one step along the way," said Hancock, the Battalion Executive Officer. "The learning process always continues, but I think what we developed here is good habits and doing what it takes to succeed and always learn."

King is hopeful that what he learned in ROTC will help him in the future, but realizes it won't be an easy task.

"I don't think anything can prepare you for the current environment, especially where most of us will probably end up after graduation," King added. "But I think as long you have the basic leadership skills I think you can go out there and be somewhat prepared and ready, willing and able to learn."

With a total of 16 graduating cadets, five of which are Distinguished Military Graduates, Bowling Green's ROTC program ranks 11 percentage points above the national average, and Lt. Col. Bonnell feels he is effectively preparing his cadets for the future.

"Their potential is unlimited."

I think without a doubt, 110 percent, that these guys and gals walking out the door between the spring and summer can meet the challenges they are about ready to face and do well at it," Lt. Col. Bonnell said. "I would not hesitate to take any one of them and have them serve underneath me."

Lt. Col. Bonnell, who has served 18 years on active duty for the Army realizes the importance of the ROTC program and the development of new leaders.

"We are a nation at war right now and probably within a two to three year time period that that Lieutenant graduates from here; he or she is probably going to be in either Afghanistan or Iraq. That's probably a fact," said Lt. Col. Bonnell. "So these cadets need to be prepared, and they need to be able to hit the ground running as junior officers."

After spending two years as chairman of military science and leadership at the University, Lt. Col. Bonnell will return to active duty this summer as Commander of the Aviation Support Battalion. Despite leaving the program, he feels he has set the bar high for future ROTC members and believes their success will continue in the future.

"I'm going to pass the torch off to my senior military instructor Master Sergeant Cordero," said Lt. Col. Bonnell. "I'm going to pass that torch off, and he's going to make sure that torch burns bright."

Gamma Phi Beta's Masquerade Ball Nov. 18, 2005

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Candi Menter
Meaghan Geraghty
Amanda Bennett
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Kelly Kimball
Keri Sable
Alicia Taylor
Amy Magrum
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Mackenzie Peck
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Melanie Hayton
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The calendar of events is taken from
http://events.bgsu.edu/

8 a.m.

Kwanzaa Celebration Ticket Sales
A campuswide Kwanzaa celebration will be held on Dec. 6th from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. The event will feature a variety of entertainment. A soul food dinner will be served and the event is open to the public. Get your tickets early! Discounted ticket sales end soon. Tickets are \$5 for students with ID and children under 10 years and \$8 for all others before Nov. 28th. All tickets are \$12 after Nov. 28th. Cash, Check, Bursar and department budget transfers will be accepted. CMAA Office & Student Union Information Desk

8 a.m.

Art Gallery: "Sculpture Club"
Union Galleries

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wood County Corps Info Days
Learn more about the national community service opportunities in Wood County!
For more info contact: Ed Newman at 372-9625
204 South Hall

10 a.m.

26th Annual New Music & Art Festival
DNA (Do Not Assume)
Fine Arts Center -
Dorothy Ueber Bryan Gallery

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Awareness Week Table
Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Madrigal Feast Ticket Sales
Sponsored by the
Collegiate Chorale
Union Lobby

1:30 p.m.

BG@100 Open Forum
The BG@100 Open Forum is an opportunity to learn more about the BG@100 project to implement PeopleSoft for BGSU's administrative systems and to ask questions of team members.
For information visit www.bgsu.edu/BGat100
315 Union

2 p.m.

How to Make the Portal
Work for You
A hands-on instructions forum to introduce MyBGSU users to the functions available within the portal and how to customize it to work best for each user. Sessions are open to all BGSU faculty, staff, and students, seating is limited. No registration is necessary.
For more info contact: Cindy Fuller at cfuller@bgsu.edu
128 Hayes Hall

6 p.m.

Big Values in Small Works
ARTalks presents a panel discussion on the value of small works.
204 Fine Arts Center

6:30 p.m.

Friday Early Show:
Wedding Crashers
206 Union

8 p.m.

The Universe of Dr. Einstein
Multi-media show
\$1 donation suggested, lasts approximately 1 hour. Followed by stargazing in the Observatory should weather permit.
For more info contact: Physics & Astronomy Dept. (419) 372-2421
112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg.

8 - 10:30 p.m.

The Gender Play Cabaret
Features, music, performance and spoken word which explores themes of gender and social justice.
For more info contact: Joelle Ruby Ryan at joeller@bgsu.edu
101B Olscamp

9 p.m. - Midnight

Texas Hold'em
Sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega
201 Union - Sky Bank Room

Education doesn't stop college drunks

Universities try to educate about effects, students still drink

By Andrew Becker
U-WIRE

NORMAN, Okla. — Matt McIntyre, a University of Oklahoma junior, has his fall schedule down: Wednesday night is \$1 pitchers, Thursday is party night, and drinking on weekends is required.

"If you don't go out, you're a dork," the 21-year-old accounting and finance major said as he waited to get into a bar on a Saturday night. "You're not going to stop drinking. It's part of college life."

That sentiment remains despite the University of Oklahoma's alcohol ban at residence halls, fraternities and sororities after an 18-year-old freshman died of alcohol poisoning last year.

Fraternity keg parties, "beer pong" tournaments and dollar pitcher nights have long been rites of passage for college students. But authorities are cracking down, saying alcohol is the common denominator not just in flunking out but in campus rapes, criminal mischief and even deaths.

Spurred by an evolving view of their community role, colleges and universities have made strides against disruptive drinking with stricter policies, tough penalties and more education. But researchers say students are doing more binge drinking, which raises new challenges.

"It makes it even more dangerous," said Richard Yoast of the American Medical Association's Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. "It wasn't always this way."

And just as students have conflicting views on alcohol, officials have different ideas on how to curb destructive use.

"You crack down on one area, and it moves to another area," said Drew Hunter, president of the BACCHUS Network, a peer-based education program that focuses on alcohol abuse and prevention.

To reduce excessive drinking, many universities have turned to intervention. Web-based self-assessment tests and even medical amnesty, a policy that shields students from sanctions if they call for help because of an alcohol-related emergency.

Education alone doesn't work, officials say. The same goes for scare tactics, such as emphasizing alcohol deaths on campus.

"You can educate students, but as long as alcohol is thrown at them ... they're going to drink," said Henry Wechsler, a social psychologist and the principal investigator of the College Alcohol Study, conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health since 1992.

He said limiting access is crucial to curbing consumption. "I don't want to knock education ... but they have to do a lot more."

The biggest binge drinkers remain white males in the Greek system and some athletes, even though they are targets of the most information, Wechsler said.

Unlike their grandparents' generation, today's college students drink to get drunk and do so more frequently, Wechsler said.

At the University of Colorado, where freshman Lynn Gordon

Bailey Jr., 18, of Dallas died of alcohol poisoning last September, officials have intensified their efforts against disruptive alcohol use.

Bailey was found dead at the Chi Psi fraternity after a night of heavy drinking during initiation.

Along with education, the university uses discipline, treatment programs and intervention to combat the problem. It doled out 65 suspensions in the past year for alcohol-related offenses.

Wechsler said the overall effort has shown small but significant progress. But roadblocks remain.

Counselors say scare tactics don't work, because young adults often see themselves as invulnerable.

"... As long as alcohol is thrown at them ... they're going to drink."

HENRY WECHSLER,
SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGIST

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Hunter S. Thompson
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Shuttle stops could use revamp

Winter weather means fewer students walking to and from campus, as more of us rely upon the shuttle to take us from class to class and to other destinations in town.

But it's hard to trust the BGSU shuttle system to get you where you need to be when buses are running late — or maybe not running at all.

And it's an especially trying experience in the middle of January, when you stand waiting and wondering if the shuttle will

YOU DECIDE

What changes would you like to see made to the shuttle stops? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

come in temperatures that feel subarctic.

For many students, it's simply more than they can take.

We all know what a BG winter is like — if it's not below zero in

actuality, then the wind certainly makes it feel that way.

Standing at a shuttle stop on campus shouldn't be torture. There are measures the University can take to ensure that students stuck at a stop can be comfortable — or at least that they don't acquire frostbite.

BGSU's shuttle supervisor said that the plastic shields which currently grace the door frames of stops will not be replaced.

Most students will probably not be too saddened by this news,

seeing as a majority of us have sustained injuries by way of those flaps on a windy day.

Some have suggested installing a sliding door might be the key to keeping shuttle riders warm during their wait.

But while a door could keep wind and snow out, it could also trap a person in — more specifically, someone blocked in by an attacker late at night.

But a door is only necessary if riders expect to be waiting at the stop for long periods of time.

The first step the University's shuttle service should take to keep students warmer is make their wait time shorter.

Putting a door or shield in front of a stop entrance only indicates that you're going to be standing there for a long time.

The shuttle service should add more buses and drivers to each route and maybe even add additional stops to those routes as well.

They may also want to consider posting shuttle routes where stu-

dents can easily view them, such as at the stop itself.

Another way to improve the shuttle service would be to install new, more powerful heaters — but this time put them along the bottom of the stop's interior, where the heat can rise, not at the top where they can't even be felt.

Whatever measures the University decides to take to ensure the comfort of shuttle riders this winter, we encourage them to do it as soon as possible — it's getting cold out there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Life not such a paradise at Copper Beech

I am writing this as a warning to all the students looking for off-campus housing for 2006-2007.

Avoid Copper Beech Townhomes!

These are the most overpriced, cheaply built, furthest apartments from campus in Bowling Green.

I currently pay almost \$600 for a one bedroom apartment that is advertised to have high-speed Internet and basic cable included in rent, washers and dryers in each unit, soundproof-

ing between apartments and a community center where you can work out.

But let me tell you how the real picture looks.

I will give them that there are washers and dryers in each unit, and they do provide basic cable.

However, the supposedly "high-speed" Internet in my apartment regularly tops out at 150 bytes per second. Hardly the .5 mbps that you get with low-end DSL.

Complaints to the management go nowhere, with a, "We're working on it," or "We can't get ahold of the Internet guy today," being the standard response.

As for the quality construction, I can hear every single thing my neighbors do. I can tell what they're watching on TV!

Everything else in these places

is just as cheap.

I dropped a bottle of shampoo in the tub three weeks ago, and put a softball-sized hole in the bottom of the tub. Copper Beech's initial fix? Shove plastic wrap in it!

It took a week and a half and three phone calls for me to actually get it patched.

I have lived in some crappy college apartments, but this takes them all, especially given the price.

I know I won't be living here next year.

I just hope I can convince the rest of the student body to save the time, money and hassle by having them rent elsewhere as well.

PAUL BOELLNER
STUDENT

War on drugs not meant to be won

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Long before our Armed Forces were sent to Iraq, America was at war.

It wasn't fought against a nation, people or idea. It was fought against a substance.

I speak about controlled substances, also known as drugs.

The projected budget for both state and federal law enforcement agencies fighting the war on drugs this year is clocked at a staggering \$44 billion. This includes money for rehabilitation and prevention, which make sense, and incarceration, which doesn't.

Warning people about the dangers of drug abuse is important. So is warning people about the dangers of crossing the street, unsafe sex and bad relationships. But we don't put people into prison for ungodly amounts of time for being stupid about those things.

You need a reason to make something illegal, not a reason to make something legal.

And you can't just say "because drugs are bad for you" and move on, because then there are a lot of other things that should be illegal.

Drugs that are legal can be just as life-threatening as narcot-

ics. An overdose or addiction to prescription medication isn't just possible, it's downright likely.

Declaring war on drugs was a political maneuver made by President Richard M. Nixon in order to press his moral views on the rest of the nation. It was said that drugs would make us all sterile and stupid.

But look at other countries where drugs are legal. In Amsterdam, for instance, the literacy rate is 99 percent.

What's that, you say? Almost every single human being born in Amsterdam can read? Could it have anything to do with the fact that they spend money on education rather than fighting a never-ending war against an enemy that will never die?

Imagine if all drugs were made legal. The government could grow the products, then export and tax them and pay down the national debt.

Don't think that legalization would cause a doomsday scenario. If you do, let me ask you this: is there any reason to believe that there are a significant number of people that want to smoke pot but don't because it's against the law?

Don't we see, time and time again, that it's not the availability of a particular substance that makes people use it, but their personalities?

An alcoholic is an alcoholic whether or not they've ever had a drink. People with addictive personalities are going to fill the voids in their lives with something, be it heroin, fatty foods or

bad television.

So why do we fill our overcrowded prison systems with people whose vices are different than the societal norm?

Nine states have legalized medicinal cannabis use. But they're just responding to liberal activists, right?

Wrong. Back in the 70s, the federal government started a program to grow and distribute medicinal marijuana to a small group of individuals. This pilot program was shut down when Nixon started his "war," but seven of the people on that list are alive today, and guess what? They still receive marijuana cigarettes from the federal government.

I don't use illegal drugs, and I don't particularly care for people who do. But I'm not going to bust their rice bowl just because they deal with reality in a way that I find unappealing.

Isn't it always the G.O.P. who talks about less federal involvement? Why does it seem to be the conservative Republicans who want to make sure that federal law rules all when it comes to drugs?

The federal government has reserved the right to storm the clinics and arrest the sick people, as well as those providing the drugs. Let's discuss the fact that some people just hate people who use drugs and want to see them gone.

Let's stop calling it a war. It's a massacre. You tell me which side is getting killed.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is the strangest food you have ever eaten?



MIKE NORTON
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED
"Gum off the bottom of a desk."



LEANN COWARD
JUNIOR, IPC
"Octopus. It was sick."



MALLORY FISHER
SENIOR, INTEGRATED SOCIAL STUDIES
"Alligator. It tasted like chicken."



PAUL ECKERT
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"I ate a Mexican cockroach for \$10."

Morality crippled without religion

Did I miss something? Am I dreaming? Or did Christians become public enemy number one overnight?

Was there a conference that no one told me about where they voted atheists in as the century's new "it" group? What is happening to America?

Christianity hasn't always been perceived this way. Of the first 108 universities that were established in our country, all but two of them were based on Christian principles. It is estimated that 52 of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Christian men.

And did you know that in 1782, Congress passed a resolution which not only approved, but recommended the use of the Bible in public schools?

But since the Roman Catholics initiated the Crusades back in the 11th century, liberals have decided that Christianity must be inherently evil.

Pope Urban II captured Jerusalem back around 1099 during the first crusade, and since then, Christians have been personified as immoral and corrupt. (For those of you keeping score at home, the world wouldn't meet Joan of Arc for another 313 years and to many people around the globe, the world was still flat.)

About 864 years later, liberals decided it was time for a change.

In 1963, the Supreme Court declared that reading the Bible in a public school setting was unconstitutional. Two years later, it was declared unconstitutional to bow and say grace in school. In 1980, it was declared illegal to post the Ten Commandments anywhere within a public school.

Essentially, after close to nine centuries of waiting, the "good guys" were on a roll.

Of course, we had to replace Christianity with something. So as soon as these Supreme Court rulings were passed, we replaced morality and sanctity with LSD, marijuana and other forms of glorified substance abuse.

The Hippie Movement swept the nation, and suddenly, a world of principles and virtues took a back seat to a world of anti-American sentiment and hallucinogenic drugs.

Our plummet from morality didn't stop there.

Today, half of all of American marriages will end in a divorce. Rap music currently dominates the airwaves, encouraging men to treat women like whores and rallying gun violence. Girls



D.J. JOHNSON
Opinion Columnist

even have the legal right to kill off their unborn children after a wild night of drinking, partying and sex — at the age of thirteen.

Even our leaders can't seem to get their act together.

By cheating on his wife and lying about in under oath, Clinton was able to break about half of the Ten Commandments and further deteriorate the sanctity of the Bible.

Lacking dignity, integrity and personal worth, Mr. Clinton could go down as the most immoral president of all time.

This recent destruction of our country is anything but surprising. By taking out the one thing that encouraged moral decency in our schools, we've watched our society crumble. Social ills like rape, abortion, family dysfunction, sexual promiscuity and drug abuse are directly correlated to our diminishing sense of values.

Christianity isn't just about arks, gardens and plagues. It also teaches things like respect, integrity, peace and love.

Whether you take the King James version of the Bible is up to you; there's so much to learn about life, however, whether you believe in the miracles or not.

Nothing else is feeding these types of values into our schools, and so we can do nothing more than sit back and watch our young nation waste away.

Of course, liberals don't care. Our nation has been struggling for decades with things like substance abuse, and as they see it, the best ways to overcome this is to spend tax money on drug rehabilitation and lobbying for legalization of different drugs to Congress.

Instead of fixing the problem at its source, anti-religious liberals will continue to fight this losing battle, refusing to admit they were ever wrong.

I blame Pope Urban II and those greedy 12th century Catholics. If they didn't screw things up back in 1099, there wouldn't be this misinterpreted notion that Christianity is bad. I just find it sad that when anti-religious liberals are asked what kind of impact Christianity has made on the world, they refer to a set of wars that started close to 900 years ago.

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OFFICIALS TO FIND HOUSING FOR REFUGEES

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials tried to ease fears yesterday that Louisiana hurricane refugees in Texas would be left homeless again after Dec. 1 when FEMA has said it will stop paying their hotel bills. "We are finding longer-term housing for all evacuees," said Russ Knocke of the Department of Homeland Security.

NATION

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Fraudster helped others gain toehold in Iraq

Convicted criminal responsible for Iraqi reconstruction funds charged with conspiracy, laundering

By Mark Sherman

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. occupation officials gave a man with a federal fraud conviction control of millions of dollars for Iraqi reconstruction. Now the man is charged with accepting kickbacks to steer contracts to a businessman.

Robert J. Stein Jr., 50, of Fayetteville, N.C., used some of the kickback money to make a restitution payment for his earlier conviction and his wife used some to pay federal taxes, according to a federal affidavit.

Stein faces conspiracy, money laundering, wire fraud and other charges stemming from his alleged role in helping Philip H. Bloom, a U.S. citizen who

has lived in Romania for many years, get contracts in Iraq worth more than \$13 million, federal authorities said yesterday.

Prosecutors say Bloom, 65, paid kickbacks of more than \$630,000 to Stein and others. Bloom has been charged with conspiracy and money laundering stemming from an investigation that Justice Department officials say could result in additional charges against others.

Stein, who worked for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, and his wife bought real estate, cars, jewelry and home improvements with the money, according to federal affidavits made public Wednesday. He and other CPA officials allegedly helped rig bids for Bloom

and three companies he controlled for contracts to do work in Al-Hillah and Karbala, two cities 50 to 60 miles south of Baghdad.

Bloom was arrested Sunday at New Jersey's Newark International Airport, while Stein was arrested Monday in Fayetteville, authorities said. They are being held in federal custody, pending hearings in U.S. District Court in Washington beginning next week.

Robert A. Mintz, Bloom's lawyer, said he is reviewing the allegations against his client and had no comment. Stein was represented by a federal public defender in a brief appearance Tuesday in U.S. District Court

in Fayetteville. Elizabeth Luck, a spokeswoman for the public defender's office, declined to comment on Stein's case.

Stein was the comptroller and funding officer for the CPA's South Central Region.

Court records show he was convicted in 1996 for defrauding a financial institution. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eight months in prison and three years of supervised release. He also was ordered to repay the unidentified institution \$45,000.

According to the affidavit supporting the latest charges, he used \$200 of the money from Bloom to make a

restitution payment. His wife used another \$5,821 to pay 2001 federal taxes — a payment made in January 2004, the affidavit said.

It is unclear whether CPA officials knew about his prior conviction.

The U.S. -controlled CPA ran Iraq from shortly after the March 2003 invasion until June 2004. It had final say over spending from the Development Fund for Iraq,

made up mainly of Iraqi oil revenues.

"Now that there is concrete evidence of fraud involving U.S. officials and the Development Fund for Iraq, we have an obligation not to avert our oversight," Waxman wrote Rep. Chris Shays, R-Conn., chairman of a House Government Reform subcommittee that has examined fraud allegations in the U.N. Oil-for-Food program.

"This is the first case and there will be more," said Jim Mitchell, the inspector general's spokesman, adding that this is the result of a nearly yearlong investigation involving millions of dollars. He could not estimate how much money is involved overall.

"This is the first case and there will be more."

JIM MITCHELL,
SPOKESMAN

Republicans fail to reduce spending on education, health care

By Andrew Taylor

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republicans suffered a startling setback in the House yesterday, losing a vote on cutting spending for education and health care programs. A broader budget-cutting blueprint targeting the poor, college students and farmers also was in danger.

Both bills are part of a campaign by Republican leaders to burnish their party's budget-cutting credentials as they try

to reduce a deficit swelled by spending on the Iraq war and Hurricane Katrina. In both cases, GOP moderates balked.

The 224-209 vote against a \$602 billion spending bill for health, education and labor programs disrupted plans by the Republican leaders to finish work on 11 spending bills that would pay for government operations and freeze many agency budgets through next September.

Democrats were unanimous in opposing that one-year

appropriations bill. "It betrays our nation's values and its future," said House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md. "It is neither compassionate, conservative nor wise."

A companion deficit-reduction bill that would slice \$50 billion from the deficit through the end of the decade, also faces unanimous opposition from Democrats, as well as from many moderate Republicans who are unhappy with cuts to Medicaid, food stamps and col-

lege loan subsidies.

It would cut from so-called mandatory programs whose budgets increase automatically every year. The proposed savings are modest considering the \$14 trillion the government is set to spend during the five-year period.

Republicans say the measure is a first step to restoring fiscal discipline by curbing rapidly growing benefit programs whose budgets spiral upward each year unless reined in by

Congress.

"What we want to have is a good first step in reforming out-of-control entitlement spending," said Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas.

GOP leaders sent the House into recess after the embarrassing defeat of the spending bill. The 22 GOP defections on that vote cast doubt on whether House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., would bring the broader deficit-reduction bill to the floor later in the day.

"There's a message in this," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said of the House vote, "and that's that the people of America are only going to accept so many cuts in health care, in Medicaid, in Medicare, in transportation and other vital areas."

Earlier Thursday, House GOP leaders eased their planned five-year cuts to health and nutrition programs for the poor, trying to win votes from reluctant moderates for the contentious deficit-reduction bill.

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Israel plans elections

Democratic process overshadows peace-making efforts

By Mark Lavie
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his main political rivals agreed yesterday to hold elections early next year, a decision likely to freeze any plans to capitalize on Israel's Gaza withdrawal to restart Mideast peace talks.

Sharon, who remains Israel's most popular politician, had resisted moving up the election scheduled for next November but changed his mind after the Labor Party threatened to bolt the coalition, putting the survival of his government in doubt.

A series of urgent election-related meetings yesterday overshadowed a fresh, hard-won agreement reached two days earlier on reopening the vital Gaza-Egypt crossing, illustrating that until a new government is in place, Israeli leaders will be concentrating on domestic politics instead of peacemaking.

Palestinians, too, are heading into an election season, with parliamentary balloting set for Jan. 25, featuring candidates from the Islamic militant group Hamas for the first time, mounting a serious challenge



Ariel Schalit AP Photo

VOTING SEASON: Israel's newly elected Labor Party leader Amir Peretz speaks to the media after a meeting with the Israeli Prime Minister.

to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

There had been hopes that the pullout from the Gaza Strip would jump-start efforts toward a full peace accord between

Israel and the Palestinians, but the intervening weeks were dominated by haggling over the border crossing — an issue finally resolved with the direct intervention of Secretary of State

Condoleezza Rice.

The surprise selection last week of fiery union leader Amir Peretz as Labor Party leader and candidate for prime minister also threw the Israeli political world into turmoil. Peretz campaigned on a promise to force new elections.

Peretz and Sharon met yesterday and agreed to move up the election. Peretz said Sharon would call the poll for late February or sometime in March, meaning a relatively short campaign in Israeli terms. Formation of a new government could take up to two months after that.

Joseph Lapid, head of the opposition Shinui Party, met with Sharon late yesterday and said they agreed on a March ballot.

"On the one hand, we want to shorten the process, but on the other, we have to give time to prepare for elections, and so we agreed they would be in March," Lapid told The Associated Press.

Sharon's spokesman Asaf Shariv said only that the prime minister wanted to hold elections as soon as possible. The prime minister plans to consult with other political parties on possible election dates before a scheduled parliament vote on Monday on dissolving the government, Shariv said.

U.S. tells Iraqi militias not to handle prisoners

U.S. troops suspect torture of detainees in Iraq's interior ministry

By Robert H. Reid
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The United States warned Iraqi officials yesterday against allowing Shiite militias a role in the security services following allegations of torture of Sunni Arabs by the Shiite-led Interior Ministry.

The official in charge of the ministry said torture claims were exaggerated.

Sectarian rhetoric sharpened four days after U.S. troops found up to 173 malnourished detainees — some showing signs of torture — in an Interior Ministry building in the capital's Jadriyah district. Most were believed to be Sunni Arabs, the main group in the insurgency.

A leader of a major Sunni party, Tariq al-Hashimi, told Iraq's Sharqiya television that his group had submitted 50 complaints of prisoner abuse to the government, "but we did not receive a timely response."

Interior Minister Bayn Jabr, a Shiite, brushed aside the complaints, denied sectarian bias and claimed that "every time" al-Hashimi has differences with him "he exerts pressure on me through the U.S. Embassy."

"I reject torture and I will punish those who perform torture," Jabr said. "No one was beheaded, no one was killed" — a clear reference to the beheadings of foreign and Iraqi hostages by insurgents, including al-Qaida's Iraq wing.

He also said "those who are supporting terrorism are making the exaggerations" about torture and that only seven detainees showed signs of abuse.

"They have described the

Interior Minister's office as a place of execution," Jabr said. "Let him come to show me if there is an execution place in this shelter."

In a statement yesterday, the U.S. Embassy said Iraqi authorities had given assurances they will investigate the conditions of the detainees found Sunday night and that the abuse of prisoners "will not be tolerated by either the Iraqi government" or U.S.-led forces.

"We have made clear to the Iraqi government that there must not be militia or sectarian control or direction of Iraqi security forces, facilities or ministries," the U.S. statement added.

Prominent Sunni Arabs have complained for months about abuse by Interior Ministry forces, whom they say have been infiltrated by Shiite militias. The Sunnis called for an international inquiry after the detainees were found at the lockup in Jadriyah.

The government denies the militia allegations.

Last May, however, officials confirmed a Shiite militia affiliated with Jabr's party helped capture five men wanted in a deadly car bombing in Baghdad. Another Shiite militia took part in a joint raid with police last month southeast of the capital in which about 20 people were killed.

The U.S. statement seemed designed to reassure the Sunni Arab minority that the Americans are keen to defend their interests at a time when Washington is encouraging a big Sunni Arab turnout in the Dec. 15 election — hoping that will help take the steam out of the insurgency.

U.S. officials have refused to say how many detainees showed signs of torture and whether most were Sunnis, pending completion of an Iraqi investigation.

"I reject torture and I will punish those who perform torture ... no one was killed."

BAYN JABR, INTERIOR MINISTER

Escaped prisoner recaptured

By Todd Dvorak
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT MADISON, Iowa — A convicted murderer who escaped from an Iowa prison this week by using a homemade grappling hook to scale a 30-foot limestone wall was captured yesterday in Illinois. A second inmate remained at large.

Martin Moon, 34, was caught after he was found sleeping in a stolen car in the town of Chester, near an Illinois prison. He told investigators he was on his way to Tennessee but gave no reason, authorities said.

Moon and Robert Joseph Legendre, 27, broke out of the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison on Monday night.

Authorities said the two used the homemade hook along with a rope fashioned from upholstery materials taken from the prison furniture shop. They went over an unguarded section of wall and somehow got around a wire that is supposed to activate an alarm when touched.

Based on Moon's account, police believe Moon and Legendre immediately split. A

nationwide search was under way for Legendre, who was in prison for attempted murder.

Police in Randolph County, Ill., discovered Moon after officials at Illinois' Menard State Penitentiary called to report a car parked nearby. When an officer stopped to run on a check on its license plates, Moon drove off, but crashed into a fence. Moon then tried to run away before being caught by a police dog.

Moon agreed to be returned to Iowa, police said.

An investigation of the escape

has begun, Gov. Tom Vilsack said. "There were a series of mistakes that were made," he said.

A corrections official has said the guard tower near the spot where the inmates went over the wall was unmanned at the time because of budget cuts.

Moon was convicted of murder in 2000 for shooting his roommate during a drug deal in 1999. Legendre had been transferred from a prison in Nevada, where he was convicted in the beating of a cabbie.

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Shrude similarly noted that it would take the program to another level.

"The college is more than ready to offer a program like this," said Shrude.

"Now students are demanding to study at the doctoral level with our faculty," said Snively.

According to Kennell, the new program will allow the College of Musical Arts to recruit the best faculty possible in the future, which will also increase the reputation of the program and the University at large.

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Students prep for game on Facebook

Group sells T-shirts to unite students for BG vs. UT football contest

By Matt Manning
REPORTER

Facebook has become the number one networking Web site for college students. People are regularly looking on Facebook, possibly more than checking their e-mail. It has become a fad and is growing in popularity every day.

Facebook's qualities fit right into the daily life of a college student. Logging on several times per day, people are now starting to get creative with the network, using the Facebook as a means of selling products.

As of now, there are products such as beer-pong tables and T-shirts that are being sold. What is now four T-shirts could soon be 20 or 50 shirts. T-shirts that sport, "Beer Pong," or "Ohio: We've Got Nothing," are being sold in quantity.

One of those products, the "Tuck Foledo — Here's My Rocket" shirts can be found on the Facebook for \$11. The shirts have the BG orange and brown colors, and have come just in time for the final football game against the Rockets.

Brennan Stanford, the entrepreneur and creator of the "Tuck Foledo" shirts, said the idea came from his urge to sell T-shirts.

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DOING A 360

Years after entering the video game market, Microsoft prepares to take it to the next level with 'Xbox 360'

By Dan Myers
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

There's an electricity in the air.

It charges the muscles of store clerks stacking new green and white boxes in a window display.

It runs through the veins of teenagers scanning the Internet for new information.

It reaches Wal-Marts and GameStops across the country, where lines of people will form late at night.

It's the excitement that comes with a new video game console release — an event that happens only twice per decade.

The Xbox 360, a sleekly-designed system from Microsoft, represents the next step in the evolution of consoles from simple toys to sophisticated entertainment centers.

According to information released by Microsoft, the 360's games feature high-definition graphics meant to be played on HDTVs.

That means the images are crisp and more detailed than standard-definition displays.

The graphics are also geared for wide-screen sets, as opposed to the 4-inch by

3-inch screen that has been the gold standard of television sets for decades.

No game console prior to the 360 has output graphics in HD — one of Microsoft's chief selling points.

Another feature the corporation is pushing is the 360's Internet gaming service, "Xbox Live."

Xbox Live is a centralized service for gamers to connect to each other to play games, talk to each other over voice chat, create and view player profiles and watch others' games in progress.

Microsoft also offers demos of new games, trailers for upcoming games and themes for the 360's menu screens through Live.

But it's not just for games — Live can be a virtual marketplace for 360 owners to buy and sell each other's T-shirts, skateboards or whatever else they decide to sell.

Most of Xbox Live is free through a "Silver" subscription, barring any fees for downloading content, but only "Gold" subscribers can play games online. The Gold subscription costs \$50 per year or \$8 per month.

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Writing festival hits campus

Workshop educates students with creative, recreational writing

By Chelci Howard
REPORTER

The English department might be the only group at the University that gets excited when the city's surroundings start to mimic those of the Arctic Tundra.

The mind-numbing winds mean the department gets to showcase the written word indoors during their fifth annual Winter Wheat. "The Mid-

American Review" Festival of Writing began yesterday and will last through Sunday.

The festival kick-off began with Steve Almond, a noteworthy author made popular by his two short story collections, "My Life in Heavy Metal" and "The Evil B.B. Chow," reading some of his fictional stories.

The Winter Wheat festival also provides a basis for learning creative writing. Numerous workshops and panels for writers of all skill levels will be given throughout the weekend for students who are looking to achieve

anything and everything from poetry to simple sentence structure assistance.

But, perhaps more importantly, the festival allows participants to embrace their love of writing.

"Winter Wheat started as a result of simple serendipity — we [Mid-American Review editors] had invited three writers to campus, and all were free during the same weekend," said Karen Craig, coordinator of the festival and the "Publishing Poetry for Inspiration" facilitator. "We saw that as an opportunity, and actu-

ally said, 'Why not have a festival?' That was five years ago, and we've been growing and moving forward ever since."

And grown it has. The event once incorporated three writers and now has a weekend full of about 50 workshops that are free of charge to Bowling Green students.

Erik Esckilsen, English instructor and facilitator of the "Youth Stories Through Youth Narrators" workshop, is also looking forward to the program.

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BREAKFAST OF CHAMPS: From L to R: Tyler Jones, Guy Justusson, Jenna Isherwood and Jeff T. Smith sit together for a quick meal.

Local band makes 'Mammoth' noise

Mammoths Melting Out Of The Ice?! bring new sound

By Jess Wagner
PULSE EDITOR

When Mammoths Melting Out Of The Ice?! formed out of Jeff T. Smith's basement in Michigan last year, the band consisted of Smith, Guy Justusson and more instruments than anyone could count.

Now, with the addition of Jenna Isherwood (viola, bass) and Tyler Jones (drums), MMOOT!?! have made their way into Bowling Green.

The band's current home has provided them with boredom, inspiration and a new song, "Ohio Sucks or Welcome to Bowling Green, Ohio, Home of the National Tractor Pulling Championships."

It's that same small-town atmosphere, though, that provided an artistic palette for the band to draw up their new album, Meow Hit Lot Dood.

"I think an influence can be anything that you've ever listened to that, even if you're kind of ashamed to admit it now, it's still there," Justusson said.

"I think our biggest influence is living in Bowling Green, Ohio, where there's really nothing much else to do," Isherwood added. "There's not a big music scene that pushes you into listening to these fashionable bands at the moment."

Though the band members don't describe themselves as fashionable, their music is different enough to cause a trend in the local music scene.

Performing with anywhere from 17-20 instruments — including bells, a piano and toys — the band seems to be catching the eyes and ears of those around them with more melodies and less lyrics.

Smith (bass, guitar) said he and Justusson have a tendency to write the same song, even when they are apart.

"A lot of times, Guy will write something, like a guitar part, and I will write a bass line on our own times at our houses and then miraculously, it will be the same song," he said. "Then we'll play songs over and over until they get some kind of continuity to them."

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

A STUDENT LIBRARIAN

By Mike Robinson
REPORTER

Working at a library might seem boring to the average student, but graduate student David Potocnik keeps himself busy by solving the problems of library patrons.

"You have to fight off the need to be lazy, and instead try to help people," Potocnik said of working at the library.

Potocnik is a graduate student supervisor at Jerome Library. His duties include checking books in and out, taking care of late fees on students' accounts and assisting in the day-to-day operations of the library.

Whether it's dealing with students or organizing books, Potocnik stays occupied, especially on Sundays.

"Sunday afternoon, hands down. I don't really know why," Potocnik said of the library's busiest day of the week.

Answering students' questions, whatever they may be, is a major part of Potocnik's job.

Every few minutes, a student



Mike Robinson BG News

CHECK YOUR RECORDS: David Potocnik, a graduate student at the University, works as a supervisor at the Jerome Library. On an average shift, he helps students with their questions and takes care of their accounts.

or teacher usually approaches Potocnik with a question, and he has to do his best to help them.

Students also take their complaints to Potocnik.

"Sometimes people complain

about the size of our movie section. I just tell them to go to Video Spectrum," Potocnik said.

On Tuesday evening, Potocnik received a call from a concerned student, asking what to do if a

tornado should strike. Potocnik explained that the Library serves as a tornado shelter, and if weather is bad, it can stay open as long

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Full circle with Xbox 360

REMOTE CONTROL

The remote control is needed for watching movies on DVD. It can also navigate the Xbox 360's various menus.

HEADSET

The headset connects to the bottom of the Xbox 360 controller and allows players to speak to each other during online games.

MEMORY CARD

The Xbox 360's memory cards now insert in the console itself and hold 64 megabytes of information.

WIRELESS CONTROLLER

The controller is a slightly redesigned version of the original Xbox's S controller, but with the white and black buttons moved to the controller's "shoulders."

WIRELESS NETWORK ADAPTOR

The wireless network adaptor, which plugs into the back of the Xbox 360 console, enables online gaming in homes with routers that give off wireless signals.

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Neither Nintendo nor Sony, Microsoft's two competitors in the video game hardware market, have as many features in their Internet gaming services as Xbox Live.

The 360 is also capable of playing DVD movies and music CDs, streaming media from portable music players and digital cameras docked at computers running Windows XP and ripping music from CDs and storing it to a hard drive.

But none of these features come without a price.

There are two packages on retail shelves — a \$300 "Core Pack" and the standard \$400 unit, called the "premium pack" at some stores.

The Core Pack is the barebones console. It comes with a wired controller and cables for hooking the system up to a standard television.

The premium pack features a wireless controller, a 20-gigabyte hard drive, an ethernet cable for connecting the system to the Internet, a headset with microphone for voice chat during Internet games and cables for connecting to a high-definition television.

What gamers think

Video game players have mixed feelings about the impending launch of the Xbox 360, ranging from anticipation to cynicism.

Rob Councell, a sophomore at the University, is in the former camp.

"I'm excited, I want to own one," he said. "I don't expect many new features, just an upgraded Xbox ... a bigger hard drive, quicker loading times, better graphics."

But Taylor Trusler, another sophomore, is less positive.

"They're putting way too much emphasis on graphics [with the 360]," he said. "If anything, I won't buy it until after a year, but that's just the way I am with consoles."

Trusler pointed out the relatively short amount of time between the release of the Xbox 360 and the original Xbox — a difference of about four years, while the average console generation spans five or six years for competitors like Sony and Nintendo.

"I think they rushed production with it," he said. "There's something about it [the 360], just the fact that they came out with it so quick."

Trusler also criticized Microsoft's new console featuring nothing out of the ordinary — an argument made by many industry watchers who call the system "Xbox 1.5," a jab at its incremental upgrade over its predecessor.

"I'd like something different," Trusler said, "kind of like Nintendo with their Revolution controller."

Nintendo's next console, code-named "Revolution," is

planned for release sometime during 2006 with a controller shaped like a remote control.

The Revolution controller sets itself apart from standard game pads by sensing how the user moves it in real space, as opposed to controlling in-game characters and objects with control sticks like standard controllers do.

Councell, on the other hand, feels differently about the 360's position.

"Its only competition is Sony," he said. "Nintendo is garbage."

He said Nintendo's games are more oriented toward children, while Xbox is geared toward older audiences.

Meanwhile, Sony stays competitive through its popularity.

"Sony sells in the masses — everyone I know has a PS2," he said.

Ironically, both students' opinions of the 360 are juxtaposed on the issue of Xbox Live.

Trusler, despite a somewhat jaded outlook on the 360, said Live is a good thing.

"I love the Xbox Live service, I think it's really well done,"

he said.

Meanwhile, Councell is averse to all Internet gaming, including Xbox Live.

"I don't prefer console gaming to be over the Internet," Councell said. "You might not get a reliable connection."

He said extras like downloadable rosters for sports games are good, but he would only use the service if it doesn't cost anything.

Money is no object to him when it comes to the hardware, though.

He said the \$400 premium pack is a better option than the \$300 Core Pack.

"You're gonna get more for your money. You're gonna get a lot of crap that you could sell for \$150, maybe \$200 on its own," Councell said. "People are gonna buy the \$400 unit and if they don't, they're idiots."

He said he'll buy the Xbox 360 premium pack when he has the money, hopefully by spring.

"I don't care about the price tag. Gaming has no price here," he said, gesturing to his heart and grinning.

Writing takes creative form this weekend

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"We're writers and avid readers, so organizing and hosting an event such as Winter Wheat allows us to share our enthusiasm with the community of like-minded artists and individuals outside our small graduate-school community," Eskilsen said.

People outside the University are also elated about the event, including several creative writing alumni who will be holding a workshop titled, "Publishing in Magazines in the Midwest."

Everyone involved in "Mid-American Review" encourages anyone interested in writing to attend one of the events sessions during this weekend.

"Winter Wheat is the highlight of the local literary year," Craig said. "People are coming from all over — from Milwaukee, New York, Georgia, Illinois, and beyond — just to experience the BGSU literary scene, which is vibrant and rollicking."

Eskilsen also encourages students to come to the event to find that writing can be enjoyable, and doesn't just need to be for long, college research papers.

"It's important for students to know that writing ... is not just something that happens at school," Eskilsen said. "When students find themselves talking about the writing craft with people from the region ... it brings home the idea that writing can be an enriching, life-long pursuit beyond the academic setting."

A full schedule of events as well as registration information can be found at the Winter Wheat's Web site, <http://www.bgsu.edu/studentlife/organizations/midamericanreview/index.html>.

Those interested can also stop by the English department's office in East Hall.

Eskilsen recommended being ready to learn something new and have fun when you attend the event.

"I think that there are three main things that students will learn from the festival," she said. "First, in choosing Winter Wheat sessions in which to participate, students discover new ways of looking at writing to which they may not have been exposed in the classroom. Second, the readings by our guest writers show students a public side of writing that is sometimes lost in the seemingly ceaseless process of churning academic papers for an audience of one — the instructor."

"Finally, students will learn that, despite the often solitary experience of writing, it's an important, enriching experience that can be shared — and that sharing the experience can be an inspiration to keep writing."

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Mammoths!?! perform at Pub tonight

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Collectively, the band shares their love of performing. At times, they said, it can be hard to understand the crowd's reaction to their music.

"Sometimes there will be people staring off and we won't be sure if they like it or not, but every now and then, you'll see somebody who's really into it and that's pretty cool," Justusson said.

"People have described our music as completely incomprehensible," Isherwood added.

Also somewhat incomprehensible is the band's name. Isherwood said the band wrote down five names, combined them together in a list and crossed off the names they didn't like.

"I was having a conversation with my dad about global warming and he said when you've got mammoths melting out of the

ice, you know you've got a bit of a problem," Isherwood said of how she picked the band's name.

"We thought that it fit the apocalyptic feel of some of our music," Jones added.

MMOOTII?! seem to have a humbleness about them. They don't like labels, in fact, they don't even have a genre or class to put their music in. They find music in everyday objects around them, like pots and pans.

And most of all, they find pleasure in the simple complexity of their music.

"If we can make enough money playing music to eat, then that's fine with me," Smith said.

"If you can play a show and have at least one person say it was awesome, and [have them] wake up the next day ... and their breakfast tastes good and they were thinking, 'That show kicked ass,' then that's pretty cool."



JAMMIN': The Mammoths!?! get together for a quick practice session.

Mammoths Melting Out Of The Ice!?! will be playing at the Pub in the Union tonight. The show starts at 7 p.m. and is free to the public.

To pick up a CD, visit them at their show or on www.myspace.com/mammoths. Copies can also be picked up at Madhatter Music Co. or at Finders.

Student gets busy working at the Library

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as it needs to be.

"I'm not sure why someone would call the Library if they're worried about a tornado," Potocnik said.

Since Potocnik started work at the Library in June, he's realized that investigating students' questions has been beneficial to him.

"It's good for problem solving," he said. "If someone asks a random, off-the-wall question, you have to try to explain why we have the rules that we do."

After graduating from the University as an undergraduate, Potocnik spent a year back-packing across Europe. He visited Ireland, France, Germany, Italy and Slovakia. "Slovakia is that sort of Europe that everyone imagines. You don't see billboards anywhere," Potocnik said.

After one year in Europe, Potocnik came back to Bowling Green, and is currently in his first semester of graduate school. He plans to earn a master's degree in history.

Potocnik said the "people skills, problem solving and attention to detail" he's learned at the library will help him with future endeavors.

Potocnik said he enjoys working at the library, and loves interacting with his fellow students.

"There are different kinds of people in different stages of not only life, but in school as well. Everyone I work with is fun. It's a great atmosphere. A definite bonus is getting a chance to get your schoolwork done."

T-shirts taunt rival football team

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"I was just sitting in my room wanting to sell T-shirts," Stanford said.

A trio from the third floor of Offenhauer East emerged and became involved in the project, including Stanford, his roommate Dan Mazzeo and a friend of the roommates, Lee Preslan.

Preslan came up with the idea to put "Here's My Rocket," on the shirts, Stanford said, with the idea of making fun of Toledo.

The group decided to move their product into the Facebook market, simply because BG's network on Facebook was large and it would appeal to a wider spectrum.

"I became a member of Facebook last year right around the time it first came to BG," Stanford said. "I usually get on Facebook once or so a day, but with all of the shirt orders coming in, I check it a few more times a day to get orders and answer questions."

The shirt business is good, according to Stanford. Originally, the trio started out with an order of 200 shirts, now they have exceeded 220 and are still taking orders to have more made.

The proceeds from the T-shirts will be used for the trio's party expenses.

"Some of the money we make will be used to throw a party for the people who helped us throughout the process," Stanford

said. "We'll also use the money for supplies for tailgating before the game."

Bradley Kublin found the shirts on Facebook, and became immediately attracted to them.

"I plan on going to the game and wanted something that makes fun of Toledo," Kublin said.

Like Kublin, Travis Cook found the shirts on Facebook, and "thought the shirts looked funny," so he and his friends bought them for the game.

Both Kublin and Cook said there should be more shirts like these for all of the big games. As for Stanford, Mazzeo and Preslan, if they feel the business has been successful by the end, you could see more T-shirts by the trio in the spring.

CHECKING YOUR VITALS

By Corey Close
REPORTER

This week, we profile Emily Berens, an officer in the University Film Organization.

Age: 19

Year: Sophomore

Major: Film Production

Why did you choose to major in film production? I picked film because I'm not good at anything else. In high school, the only classes I did good in were English and film and I liked film more than English.

What kind of job would you like to have in the film industry? As of today, I want to produce, but I would settle for making coffee. Eventually, I want to direct my own movie.

What was the last CD you purchased? The Tigers Have Spoken by Neko Case. It's a live album and I love it. She does a lot of really good covers.

What is your favorite TV show, past or present? "The Adventures of Pete and Pete." It's so bizarre without being gross. It's very funny and original.

Do you have a favorite movie? "The War of the Buttons." It's an Irish children's movie about two towns where the kids don't get along. I like it because it's really good and heartwarming. It makes me feel like a child again, but it's not on DVD and it's out of print, so the only place I can get it at is Video Spectrum.

EMILY BERENS
SOPHOMORE

What is your favorite food? There is a pizza place at home called LaRosa's, and they have really good calzones.

Do you prefer chunky or smooth peanut butter? I'm a fan of chunky, except when it's on cheap bread because it doesn't spread well and it tears the bread.

What is your position in UFO? I'm the treasurer.

Can you explain what UFO is? Our focus is film. Sometimes we go and see movies, sometimes we get together and make movies, but most of the time we just sit around and talk about movies. It's really just a group of kids who have a common interest in movies.

What is coming up for UFO? From Dec. 2-4, we're having a 48-hour film project where you show up and get put into a group and make a movie in two days. Also, we're having a screen writing competition where the winner gets their script made into a movie. Those are due Dec. 1.

Do you have to be a member of UFO to participate in these activities? No, it's open to the whole campus.

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Falcon home opener tomorrow vs. Urbana

The men's basketball team will have their home opener against Urbana Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Falcons are coming home from a tournament in Virginia, where they went 1-2.

They beat home team Virginia on a bizarre final sequence where an opposing player tipped in the Falcon's winning basket as time expired.

Coach Dakich said he was pleased with the team's play, especially the play from some of his young players, but they still need to cut down on their mistakes and are too foul prone.

Want to see great basketball? Watch the women



SEAN CORP

Sports Editor

If the student body wants to see a championship caliber team they don't have to wait for Omar and company to reach the Motor City Bowl.

In fact, they don't have to go very far at all.

Just a short walk to Anderson Arena at 7 p.m. tonight and they will get to see defending champions at work as the women's basketball team takes on IPFW.

I'm not trying to start a debate about gender in American society, or pretend that I'd rather watch Swin Cash than Chauncey Billups.

What I am saying is that I would get embarrassed on the court by both players — and chances are you would too.

What I am saying is that if you want to watch great basketball then watch the women play basketball.

They are good... really really good.

Could they beat the men's team? I don't know, and frankly I don't care.

Comparing the two isn't really important, or terribly interesting.

What I do know is that I am a fan of good basketball and therefore I will be in Anderson Arena both Friday and Saturday.

The Falcons are returning all five starters from last season's championship squad and have added even more sweet shooters to the lineup.

The team is full of hard workers, not superstar talents, and a coach that knows how to utilize everything at his disposal on any given night.

Ali Mann, Liz Honneger and Kate Achter are three tremendous basketball players — not just women basketball players, but basketball players.

I find it humorous that men trivialize women's sports, but would also probably get embarrassed if they themselves tried to D up against any female team.

I'm not going to try to make the argument that women are just as good as men, or the WNBA is better than the male counterpart.

What I am saying is that you don't need to compare the two because it doesn't really matter.

The purpose of athletic competition is to face off against a group of your peers and try and be the best.

Well, the Falcons have proved themselves to be the best.

They are going to run up and down the floor tirelessly and score points in bunches.

You could compare them to a college equivalent of the Amare-less Phoenix Suns (although you already know what I said about comparisons), a small run-and-gun team with no huge post presence.

The inescapable fact of the matter is that they are the best of the best in the Mid American Conference.

Those who truly love the game of basketball, or are craving an excellent display of basketball talent should not be shy about rooting for the Falcons.

They've earned it.



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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Historic rivalry resumes Saturday

BGSU's campus features supporters for both schools.

By Matt Deighton
REPORTER

More than Frazier-Ali, the Bo-Sox-Yankees, Duke-North Carolina, and Nicklaus-Palmer, the Ohio State Buckeyes and Michigan Wolverines college gridiron rivalry has been surveyed and polled year after year as the greatest there's ever been.

That's quite a list to conquer, especially in college football when numerous rivalries such as Auburn-Alabama, Florida State-Miami, Stanford-Cal and Oklahoma-Nebraska light up the

scoreboard at some time during the season.

On Saturday in Ann Arbor, one of the year's most highly reviewed and most-watched sporting events between the pair of Big Ten elites will unfold for the 102nd time in its history.

Ohio State has won three out of the last four meetings, though Michigan still holds the series lead with a record of 54-36-7.

In a rivalry that dates back to 1897, the game between the Buckeyes and Wolverines more often than not determines the champion of the Big Ten and the team to represent the conference

in the Rose Bowl.

The game has also had National Championship implications.

Back in 1995 and 1996, the Buckeyes were ranked No.2 in the nation and favored to appear in the National Championship Bowl Game before stubbing their toes on Tim Biakabataka and the Wolverines, who emerged from No.21

and No.18 to upset OSU. In 2003, the Buckeyes and Wolverines were No.4 and No.5 respectively when UM crushed the Bucks' hopes at a Big Ten Title and Rose Bowl bid.



It is a rivalry that has throughout the years showcased some of the best talent in college football in the ranks of Desmond Howard, Charles Woodson, Tom Harmon, Archie Griffin, Eddie George and David Boston to name a few, and legendary coaches such as Paul Brown, Woody Hayes and Bo Schemblechler.

It is a rivalry based on rich tradition and pride, and enmity toward one another.

However the biggest attribute to the teams' intense rivalry has been the upsetting defeats that have devastated promising seasons, and the bragging rights for

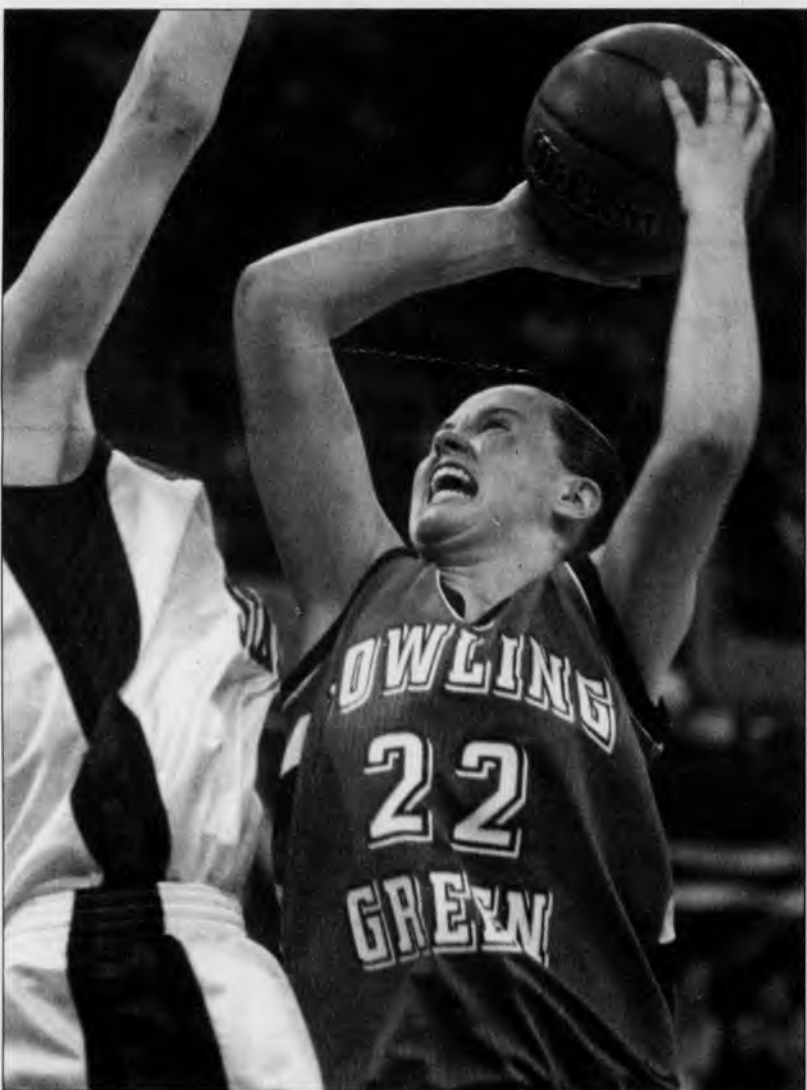
the coming year.

The Bucks and Wolverines live and die each season on their annual contest on the third Saturday of November. A season could virtually be over, but it's a successful season when either team defeats the other in their season finale.

Though this year neither team has championship implications, the No.9 Buckeyes need a win against Michigan and a Penn State loss to Michigan State to push ahead for a chance at an at-large BCS bid and a possible match up with

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



BG News File Photo

ALI IS ALL YOU NEED: Forward Ali Mann powers up a shot against Kansas State in an opening-round NCAA Tournament loss. Ali and her teammates say they are ready to be a team with a target on their backs.

BG ready to defend title

Falcons face tall order, IPFW, in opening game of the season

By Sean Corp
SPORTS EDITOR

The journey to repeat as MAC Champions begins tonight in Anderson Arena at 7 p.m.

As opening opponents go a team could do a lot worse than IPFW, which has a mixture of tall athletic bigs and lightning fast guards on the wings.

"They can beat you in a variety of ways," said BG coach Curt Miller, of his first opponent of the season.

While the players are excited to begin the season they know the challenge that IPFW presents for them.

"They are a very quick team," said forward Ali Mann. "We have to play hard. We have to have energy."

Although they lost two start-

ers to graduation on a team that went just 5-23 the team features two explosive scorers — Johnna Lewis-Carlise and Ashley Johnson.

Lewis-Carlise averaged 9.6 points last season, but will have more of the scoring load placed on her lap this season. When she gets a hot hand she is extremely dangerous, as evidenced by a career high 27 point game against South Dakota State last season.

"She is as explosive of a small guard as we're going to play all year," Miller said. "She can put up huge huge numbers and could play in any league in the country."

Johnson, a player Miller heavily recruited, averaged 9.5 points last season and had a career high 18 points against Bowling Green last season.

"She is the engine that drives the team," Miller said. "She is a player that we have to try and contain, we're not going to shut

her down, but we've got to contain her."

Assisting the explosive scorers are a bevy of bangers in the low post. The IPFW roster has seven players that are at least six feet tall and four more players that are at least 5'10.

"They present a lot of match up problems for us," he said. "It will be a great test for us to begin a year."

Their athleticism means they can be successful in transition, but if they have to slow down and play in half court sets they can throw it down to their bigs.

Being undersized in the post is something Miller is prepared for all year, where Miller will start perhaps his two best players the 5-11 Liz Honneger and 6-1 Ali Mann.

"We need to limit caches and get them a little bit out of their comfort zone," Miller said.

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HOCKEY

Falcons not ready to push panic button

BG faces off against Northern Michigan at Ice Arena Friday.

By Kevin Shields
REPORTER

The Falcons would like to put last weekend behind them.

After playing their best hockey of the year in a home sweep of Nebraska-Omaha two weeks ago, the Falcons went to Notre Dame and were swept 9-4, 4-2 by a Notre Dame team who many felt the Falcons could beat.

However, the Falcon's sloppy play one game and lack of scoring the next played right into the their hands, who scored 13 times on the weekend after only scoring 16 goals in their first six games. It was their first home series sweep since 2004.

Although BG has dropped to 2-6-1 on the season with a Central Collegiate Hockey Association record of 2-4-1, no one is feeling desperate.

"It's nothing to push the panic button over," Falcon defenseman Russ Sinkewich said. "We just have to move forward here and we're definitely excited about this weekend with a good home series and getting back in our own rink."

RUSS SINKEWICH, FRESHMAN

This weekend the Falcons will host the 20th ranked Northern Michigan Wildcats. It is the first of three straight CCHA series against three of the tougher teams in the league leading up to Christmas break. The Falcons will face Miami and Michigan State in the next two weekends in a home-and-home series before non-league opponents Clarkson and St. Lawrence come in the Ice Arena to end the first half of the season.

The Wildcats come into tonight 5-5 overall with a CCHA record of 2-4 which has them in a four-way tie for last place with four league points. Both face-offs are set for 7:05 p.m. as the series will conclude tomorrow evening.

"It's quite clear that we have to focus on what we did Friday night playing a pretty good road game," Falcon coach Scott

Paluch said of what they could take into this weekend. "We didn't get the points rebounding from Thursday night, but we played a game that was a very manageable game and a game that we need to play in order to get points."

One who did contribute points for the Falcons on the weekend was Mike Falk. The senior forward scored three goals on the weekend and leads the team with eight goals and is third best on the team in points with nine.

"He [Falk] has continued to maintain a pretty steady pace here scoring goals," Paluch said. "He's been able to keep himself involved by moving his feet consistently through practices and through games and he is letting his shot and stick become a consist factor."

The Falcon offense is averaging 3.3 goals a game which is good for fifth-best in the CCHA. However, they rank last in the league in goals against — allowing on average 4.67 goals per outing.

Freshman goaltender Jimmy Spratt had another rough outing on Thursday allowing nine goals. Jon Horrell fared better the next night, but the defense in front of the netminders has continued to struggle.

This weekend the Falcons will be going against a team that takes pride in strong defensive play as the Wildcats have one of the best defensive cores in the country.

"They're a very physical and sound defensive team," Paluch said. "They're near the top of the league in team defense and teams don't get that many shots against them. It's a battle any time you go against them."

NMU comes in allowing only 2.4 goals a game — fourth best in the CCHA. This is due in part to play of goaltender Bill Zaniboni who has a 2.12 goals against average and save percentage of .916, but also is due to the play of their talented and very experienced defensive core.

"You talk about experience, they have a lot of guys back

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BG SPORTS PICK OF THE WEEK

Ryan has forged out into the lead coming off of a 4-0 week. Metzger has gone off the deep end, picking every upset. Corp is slightly less crazy, but still can't resist picking his home town Spartans, and our athlete of the week, Lindsay Heimrich, has come prepared with voluminous notes about all the games to ensure a solid performance.



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Toledo at Bowling Green		Score	46-27 BG	38-17 BG	62-27 BG	58-7 BG
POINT SPREAD NOT YET AVAILABLE		Rant	BG has the momentum, the home field advantage and the better team.	Home team continues to dominate this rivalry game.	No matter what happens, Toledo still sucks. GO FALCONS!	FYI...our softball team could play better than Turdledo.

No. 9 Ohio State at No. 17 Michigan		Score	38-17 Michigan	41-28 OSU	38-17 Michigan	48-24 Michigan
OHIO STATE 3 POINT FAVORITE		Rant	You gotta believe Metzger here. I mean, you just have to.	I can't remember feeling this confident leading up to this game.	Let the smack talk begin, Mr. Autullo. Michigan wins the Big Ten this week.	Sorry OSU fans, but frankly most of you are not good people!

No. 16 Fresno State at No. 1 USC		Score	36-14 USC	38-21 USC	17-10 Fresno St.	45-14 USC
USC 23.5 POINT FAVORITE		Rant	Metzger is fippin' crazy.	USC is already looking toward Texas. Can you blame the Trojans?	All so-called dynasties come to an end. Time for another BCS screw up.	My dad said that No. 1 USC was favored by 23 so I chose them.

No. 5 Penn State at Michigan State		Score	43-38 Michigan St.	27-14 Penn State	27-24 Michigan St.	32-24 Penn State
PENN STATE 7.5 POINT FAVORITE		Rant	Sure the Spartans imploded, but they go out with a bang.	Remember when Michigan State beat Notre Dame? I can't, either.	State pulls the upset and opens the door for the Maize and Blue.	Penn State has the Big 10 title to shoot for. I think that's pretty good motivation.

No. 8 Alabama at No. 11 Auburn		Score	28-7 Auburn	21-10 Auburn	24-17 Auburn	31-27 Alabama
AUBURN 7 POINT FAVORITE		Rant	Alabama has been exposed once, after Saturday it will be twice.	Alabama's offense has degressed as the season has gone on.	Alabama continues their descent down the NCAA ranks.	Tough game, but Bama's coming off their first loss so they will be on a rebound.

Falcons hope to rebound against NMU

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from the last couple of years," Paluch said. "Oystrick is as good a two-way defenseman as there is in our league. Geoff Waugh is a big, strong, physical guy and they

make it difficult to get second or third chances against them."

On the other end of the ice, the Wildcats bring in as Paluch says, "as good as threesome at center as our league has to offer," in Darin Oliver, Dirk Southern and Mike

Santorelli.

NMU has lost four straight games coming in after a hot start and will be looking to get back on pace.

"It's a weekend series that I think will really play into our favor,"

Sinkewich said. "We're a team that really focuses on working hard, playing the body and moving the feet. Nothing soft, nothing fitness and that'll play into our favor against a team like this that plays really similar to how we play."

Students choose sides

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Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl.

Though the fact is, the season is never over until the game is over.

As the teams prepare for Saturday, both will set all prior games on the back burner and take to the field in yet another classic gridiron battle.

Until then there will be taunting and trash talking amongst fans and critics of either team alike.

For those at BGSU who live in somewhat of a neutral zone nearly halfway on I-75 between Columbus and Ann Arbor, the heat of the rivalry can be felt more here than anywhere else.

When talking with several students on campus about the glorified rivalry, responses tended to be the same.

"This game is so great because

it's much more than just a game," says junior Dave Mariouw, a long time Michigan fan.

Junior Dustin Wanemacher, a fan of the Buckeyes, agreed with Mariouw. "If your team wins this game, it makes it that much better when you wear something of your team colors."

While it is known that the game between the Buckeyes and Wolverines is one that determines success on the football field, it is just as much a game for the fans that support and represent the schools on the field.

If there is one thing for sure, it's that there will be competition between both friends and enemies, no matter where you go.

Dave Mariouw may have summed it up the best.

"It's the one week of the year where I lose half of my friends."

Falcons open season

BASKETBALL, FROM PAGE 10

"Instead of giving them two or four foot catches away from the basket, if they're catching it six and eight feet away from the basket it gives us an advantage."

The team realizes that playing as a champion is different than playing as just another good team and they're prepared to play with a target on their backs and to face off against every opponents best effort.

"We've talked about being a hunted team throughout the pre-season," Miller said. "Now they've got to take the words and put them into action."

"We have a big target on our backs," Mann said, "so we're going to have to work that much harder to get back on top."

Then, with a look of focus and the tone of a competitor Mann said, "Being a defending champion is a tough place to be, but we're ready for it."

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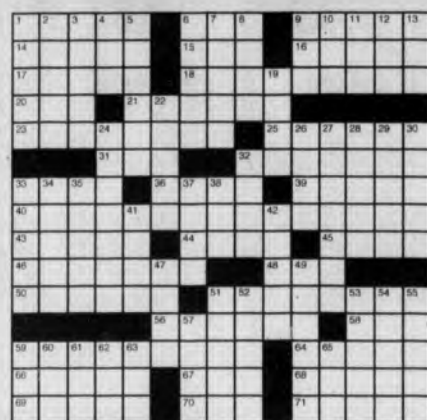
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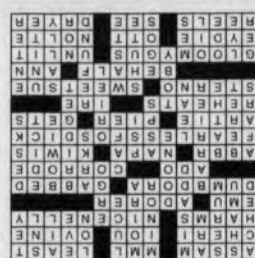


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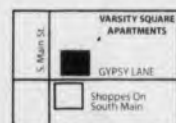
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